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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 12th/January, through Sunday, 19th/January there were 214 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1U, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5T, 5W, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7P, 7X, 8P, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C5, C6, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D4, DL, DU, E4, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EZ, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FR, FS, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JX, JY, K, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ7, PY, PZ, S0, S5, S7, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T30, T5, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TT, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9L, VK9N, VP2E, VP2M, VP5, VP8, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XW, XZ, YA, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, Z6, Z8, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZL, ZL7, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

4A1, MEXICO (Special Event). The members of the The DXXE Group, throughout the 2020 year, will celebrate its 15th anniversary with the activation of the special callsign 4A15DXXE, from January 20th, until December 31st, 2020. Activity will be on all bands and modes especially in contests, special events, via satellite and EME from different Grid Locators in Mexico. QSL via LoTW only. ADDED NOTES: Over the coming months, look for other special events stations to celebrate this anniversary from Cuba, Spain, the Canary Islands, France and South America:

- Raúl/CO8ZZ and the DX Group of Cuba will operate as T40DXXE between January 20-31st. See "T40, CUBA (Special Event)" below.
- From Spain, Salva/EA5BB will be on the air between April 1-15th, as AO15DXXE and on the same days, from the Canary Islands (AF-004), Juan/EA8RM will sign AO15DXXE/8.
- From France, Thierry/F4GVO will operate as TM15DXXE, between April 1-15th, and will be on SSB, FT4, FT8, from 80-6 meters.

4L, GEORGIA. Mamuka Kordzakhia, 4L2M, President of the National Associ-

ation Radio Amateurs of Georgia (NARG), will be active during the CQWW 160m CW Contest (January 24-26th) as a Single-Op/High-Power entry. He plans to use a 1 KW, a 37 meters high Vertical with radials and a 300 ft. 2 beverage antenna. QSL via EA7FTR.

4W, TIMOR-LESTE. Members of the Lagunaria DX Group are planning a DX-pedition to Timor-Leste sometime in October-November. This will be a large opertaion with 18 operators, and possibly 10 stations and entries in both CQWW DX Contests. Look for details to be forthcoming and watch the following Web sites: http://timor-leste-dx.de
http://lagunaria-dx-group.org

4X, ISRAEL. Operators Arthur/4X4DZ, Zvi/4X6FR, Vladimir/4Z5IW, Alex/4Z5ML, Ros/4Z5LA, Alexander/4Z4AK, Sergiy/UR5MID and Oleg/US7UX will be active as 4X2M from Israel during the CQ 160m CW Contest (January 24-26th) as a Multi-Op entry. QSL via 4X4DZ.

9G, GHANA. Matteo, IZ4YGS, will once again be active as 9G5GS from Sanzule, West Takoradi (Western Region), Ghana, between February 1-26th. Activity will be limited to his spare time (usually on "almost every evening", between 2100-0000z) on 160-20 meters using mostly FT8 (F/H) and SSB, with a Yaesu FT-891 and 100 watts into a vertical antenna. On FT8 (Fox-Hound Mode) the suggested frequencies are: 3567, 7056, 10131 and 14090 kHz. On FT8 (Standard Mode) on the standard frequencies; PLEASE SEND REPORT FIRST, not the Loc. He will also be active through the QO-100 geostationary satellite, USB mode. He will update daily to ClubLog. QSL via LoTW, IZ4YGS direct or eQSL.

9Q, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO. Paolo, IK7UXW, is now active as 9Q1C from Gombe, Kinshasa. His length of stay is unknown at this time. Activity has been on 20 meters CW. QSL via his home callsign.

DAY-XENIA HAMVENTION NEWS.....

* HAMVENTION RELATED UPDATES (By Tim, K3LR). The 2020 Dayton Contest University Professors and the 2020 Course Outline have been posted.
  https://www.contestuniversity.com
  https://www.contestuniversity.com/course-outline

  The 2020 Dayton TopBand Dinner speaker is Glenn Johnson, W0GJ:
  https://www.topbanddinner.com
  Info about the Glenn's talk is here:
  https://www.topbanddinner.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/VP6R-pg1-3.pdf

  The 28th Annual Dayton Contest Dinner: https://www.contestdinner.com
  Their dinner speaker is Bryant, KG5HVO - his bio is here:
  https://www.contestdinner.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Bryant-Rascoll-KG5HVO.pdf

HC, ECUADOR. Rick, NE8Z/HC1MD, will be minimally active as HC1MD from Quito between January 18-24th. However, he will be very active as HC1MD/2 from the Farallon Dillon Lighthouse (ARLHS ECU-017)[arlhs.com], Capay on Hill, between January 25th and February 7th. Activity will be on 40-6 meters (14270 kHz SSB for lighthouse hunters) using CW, SSB and FT8, and the equipment to be used is a TT-857D into a Spider Vertical (40/30/20/17m). QSL via K8LJG and LoTW after the trip.

HI3, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (For Topbanders!) John, W1FV, passes on the following note: "Matt, KC1XX, is spending the winter in HI3 and asked me to relay this message to all of you. He is on the air as HI3/KC1XX but is experiencing terrible line noise at his present location. He hears lots of stations calling him on the low bands, but he is having great difficulty pulling out callsigns through the noise. He apologizes to those who have been calling without success. However, Matt moves to a different location down there in early February and the noise situation should improve. At that time he should be able to hear and work more of you."

IOTA NEWS.....

AF-019. (Reminder) Operators Silvo/S50X, S51V, Krajcar/S52P, Peter/S54W, Pavla/S56DX, Berto/S56N, Slavko/S57DX and Drago/S59A will be active as IG9/homecall from Lampedusa Island between January 21-27th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters, using CW, SSB, the Digital modes, and this will include the CQWW DX 160m CW Contest (January 24-26th) as a Multi-Op entry signing as IG9/S59A. QSL via their home callsigns.

AS-072. Safri, 9M2SAF, will be active as 9M2SAF/P from Pulau Lalang Island (AS-072), Perak, West Malaysia, between January 21-27th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via 9M2SAF direct.

AS-099. Operators Igor/UA9CDC, Roman/UR0MC, Slava/US2YW, Eduard/UT5ECZ, Yuri/UT5EL, Andrej/UW8SM, Dmytro/UZ5DX, Ömür/TA3A, Kadir/TA3AER, Ali/TA3EL and Husamettin/TA3LHH will be active as TC0X from Bozcaada Island, Turkey, during the CQ WW 160m CW Contest (January 24-26th) as a Multi-Op entry. QSL via HG5DX.

EU-012. Fraser, G4BJM, will be active as GM4BJM from Yell Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 25-26th).

EU-111. Members of the Cray Valley Radio Society (G3RCV) will be active as GM3RC from Ceann Ear in the Monach Islands between July 20-26th. Their plan is to be in the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 25-26th) as a Multi-2/Low-Power entry signing MM8C. QSL via LoTW. The group plans to be active on the HF and VHF bands using CW and SSB. Operators mentioned are Nobby/G0VJG, Justin/G4TSH, Tony/G2NF, Ed/GM0WED, Nick/G4FAL and Chris/G0FDZ.

NA-040. Henry, NL0H, is planning to be active from St. Lawrence Island, Alaska, sometime between February and March. Activity will be limited due to his other activities on the island. Operations will be on 40/20 meters with 100 watts using SSB and possibly FT8/FT4 and 30m. He is looking for support. QSL via NL0H direct only.

NA-092. Mark, AC5RN, is now active as AC5RN/W5 from Mustang Island, Texas, until January 20th. Activity will be on various HF bands (mostly CW on 40/20m, and possibly 6m). QSL via AC5RN, direct or LoTW.

OC-139. Grant, VK5GR, announced on QRZ.com that there will be an activation of Kangaroo Island as VK5KI sometime in 2020. He suggests to watch QRZ.com for upcoming details.

SA-101. (New IOTA) Operators Nando/IT9YRE and Mike/K9AJ will be active as CB0Z from Alejandro Selkirk Island between February 3-5th. For DXCC purposes this will count for Juan Fernandez. Activity will be on 40/30/20/17/15 meters using CW, SSB and possibly FT8. They will have two stations using vertical antennas. QSL via ClubLog's OQRS or via IT9YRE. For more details and updates, see: http://www.it9yre.it/cb0z

2020 IOTA DINNER AT THE VISALIA INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION. Will, WC6DX, Visalia IOTA Dinner Coordinator, reports [edited]: Greetings, IOTA friends -- The 25th annual IOTA Dinner at this year's International DX Convention in Visalia, California will be held on Friday, April 24th, 2020.

If you have activated an IOTA during 2019 and might like to be a speaker, e-mail me privately. I'm planning the program now.

If you missed last year's dinner, the speakers included KO8SCA presenting his and VE3LYC's expeditions to TX0M OC-297 (New) Morane I.

and TX0A OC-113 Maria Est; K9AJ presented his and KD6WW's expedition to /VY0 NA-207 Fafard I.; and a presentation and video sent by UA9KDF and UA1QV on the RI0B expedition to the four rare Arctic Islands of AS-054, AS-087, AS-104 and AS-121.

DX visitors included Bernhard/DL2GAC, Bo/OX3LX and his QSL Manager Joergen/OZ0J, Tom/SM3DMP and Börje/SA3AAY, plus numerous North American IOTA activators that you have worked with many IOTA expeditions under their belt.

We will be celebrating a quarter century of IOTA Dinners ... plan to join us ! Another announcement will be made when reservations begin.

2020 IOTA BASH. Bob, WB2YQH, reports: The details for the 2020 IOTA Bash are now on the IREF Web site. Looks to be an exciting program. It's always an enjoyable weekend in Texas hill country. Check it out at: https://irefradio.com/iota-bash

PLEASE NOTE: Since the Webmasters of the new have decided NOT to post or dedicate a Web page to announce upcoming IOTA operations, PLEASE send your IOTA operations information to the OPDX, and we will post it here in an upcoming bulletin.....

J8, ST. VINCENT. Brian, GW4DVB, will once again be active as J88PI from Palm Island (aka Prune Island, WW Loc. FK92HO, IOTA NA-025), in the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Island group, between April 6-15th. Activity will be holiday style on 40/20/17/15/10/6 meters using CW, SSB, SSTV and FT8. He will use a Yaesu FT991A into a 10m vertical antenna, a M0CVO HW-40HP off center fed dipole and possibly new antennas. QSL via GW4DVB direct only (PayPal available) to: PO Box 20:20, Llanharan, Pontyclun, Wales - UK CF72 9ZA. For more details and updates, check:
http://www.g4dvb.co.uk
ADDED NOTE: Palm Island is an exclusive, private-island resort. This idyllic tropical hideaway is situated near the southern tip of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, an idyllic archipelago of 32 tropical islands and cays known for its stunning natural beauty, clear, warm waters and turtles.

KH2, GUAM. Taka, JE4JPQ, is now active as AE4JP/KH2 from Guam (OC-026) until January 21st. Activity is on various HF bands. QSL via JE4JPQ, LoTW or ClubLog's OQRS.

KH6, HAWAII. Operators Stanley/AH6KO, Curt/AH6RE, Lloyd/KH6LC, Robert/NH6V, Oliver/W6NV, Jim/W6SC, Frederic/KH7Y, Denny/KX7M and Gary/W7EE will be active as KH6/N6DA during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 15-16th) as as Multi-Multi entry. QSL via WA6WPG or direct. The group reports [edited]: "Our MM will be signing KH6/N6DA this year in honor of our good friend Don Amyx, N6DA, who passed away in 2017. Don was one of the founding members of the NCCC and frequently joined the KH6LC group in our MM efforts. He was a great CW operator and always fun to be around. We hope you'll remember Don when you work KH6/N6DA in the upcoming ARRL DX CW Contest. TU, Aloha."

OX80/OZ80, GREENLAND AND DENMARK (Special Event). Many Greenlandic and Denmark radio amateur stations will be celebrating the 80th birthday of H.M. The Queen of Denmark in these two DXCC entities. Look for special event stations OX80HM and OZ80HM to be active on all bands until April 16th. QSL via OZ1ACB OQRS. A special royal award will be available. Watch for details on QRZ.com or contact (oz2i@edr.dk) for more information.

P4, ARUBA. Lee, K3DMG, is active as K3DMG/P4 from Aruba (SA-036) as of January 17th through the end of February. Activity will be on 80-10 meters with the focus on the Digital modes. QSL via LoTW only. No paper QSLs.

P4, ARUBA. Operators Bill/N4IQ and Bob/ND7J will be active as P4/N4IQ and P4/ND7J from Aruba (SA-036) between July 15-22nd. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. Their activity will also include

the IARU HF World Championship (July 11-12th) signing as P40US. QSL via the operator's instructions. For information and suggested frequencies, see: http://p4aruba.com

PJ2, CURACAO. Jeff, K8ND, is once again active as PJ2ND from the PJ2T Caribbean Contesting Consortium's (CCC) Signal Point contest station on Curacao Island (SA-099, WLOTA 0942) until February 3rd. Jim, W8WTS, will join him and sign PJ2/W8WTS between January 22-28th. The two operators will be active as PJ2T during the CQWW 160 Meter CW Contest (January 24-26th) as a Multi-Op entry. QSL PJ2/W8WTS via his home callsign, eQSL or LoTW. QSL PJ2ND via K8ND or LoTW. QSL PJ2T via W3HNK.

PJ4, BONAIRE. Klass, PA1KE, is now active as PJ4/PA1KE as of January 18th. His length of stay, bands and modes were not provided. QSL via eQSL.

PJ4, BONAIRE. John, K4BAI, will be active as PJ4A from Bonaire (SA-006, WLOTA LH-1279) during the CQWW DX 160 Meter CW Contest (January 24-26th) as a Single-Op/High-Power entry. Station will be operated remotely (using BeLoud.Us) at the PJ4G station. QSL via K4BAI.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (January 20-26th).....

Jan/20th	AN	Jan/23rd	AN	Jan/25th	AN
Jan/21st	AN	Jan/24th	AN	Jan/26th	AN
Jan/22nd	AN				

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

Meanwhile, check out the following Web sites for propagation:

* VOACAP predication Web page at: http://www.voacap.com/hf and http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html
* DX.QSL.NET Propagation page: https://dx.qsl.net/propagation
* A daily HF radio wave propagation forecast can be found at: https://www.facebook.com/thomasfranklingiellaw4hm
* SolarHam Web page: http://www.solarham.net
* Radio Propagation/Space Weather/Sunspot Cycle Information at: http://sunspotwatch.com
* News and Information About The Sun-Earth Enviroment: https://www.spaceweather.com
* Monthly propagation charts between four USA regions and twelve overseas locations are at: http://arrl.org/propagation
* Information and tutorials on propagation are at: http://k9la.us
* Graphic propagation tool by DR2W: http://www.dr2w.de/dx-propagation
* Point to point propagation at: http://www.predtest.uk/p2p.html
* Realtime propagation at: http://www.predtest.uk
* Also on Twitter: https://twitter.com/@GiellaW4hm

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX by Lothar, DL1SBF (www.qslinfo.eu) (January 19th)

7S10CWO via SM7RYR (L)	HI3Y via RW6HS (d/L)	T6AA via S53R (O/L)
AE4JP/KH2 via JE4JPQ & (L)	KH0/WB6Z via JF1OCQ	T88DK via JH3LSS
EA7/EI8KJ via EI8KJ (e)	OL725PLZ via OK1DRQ (d)	UP4L via UN7LZ & (L)
HF28FIN via SP2FAP (d)	OO8O via ON7AC & (L)	YP0C via YO3CZW
HF28WOSP via SP9KTK	PA46R via PA0RHA	YQ6A via YO6BHN
HG0R via HA0NAR	PB75A via PB2A (d/L)	ZW6C via PY6TV (d)
HG4F via HA4FF & (e)	SE5E via SM5AJV	

HG7T via HA7TM SN7Q via SP7GIQ

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only (N) No QSL needed
(I) No IRC (P) PayPal (NB) No Bureau

LOGS ONLINE AT CLUBLOG.ORG THIS WEEK.....
https://clublog.org/logsearch/3D2AG/P

7X7X LOTW AND STORY. Ash, KF5EYY (3V8SF, 3V8SS) reports [edited]: The 7X7X log is now uploaded to LoTW! He put the DXPedition story on his Web site at: http://www.kf5eyy.info
Thanks for the QSOs! Thanks to NCDXF, LSDXA, MDXC and the individual hams who supported the DXpedition.

QSLS RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 7X4RJ, 7X7X, 8R1/AG6UT, A50BOC, HA2DX, JA1JRK, JD1BHA, JW4PUA, OA4DX, TT8SN, VE2/UT3UA and VP8NO

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 9J2BO, JK3ZXK/2 (AS-206), TM7P (EU-107), TO9W, ZD7XF and ZK3A

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 3B8MM, 3D2RB, 5B4ALX, 5H3CA (AF-054), 5H3RRC (AF-054), 5T2KW, 9M2TO, 9M4DXX, A5A, CT8/DJ5MW, E31A, E6ET, JT1QP/9, OG8L (EU-184), OH9W (EU-096), P40MA, PZ50X, RX3AMI/1 (EU-066), V5/DC8QT, XX9D, ZA/OH1MA, ZD8O, ZL7X and ZS1SBW
--- We would like to see more QSL Bureaus (such as AS/US/SA/AF.. etc) to send in their info....

T30, WEST KIRIBATI. Nobu, JA0JHQ, who was active as C21NH, is now active as T30NH. His length of stay is unknown as this was being written. Activity was on 40/20/17/15 meters FT8. QSL via JA0NHQ. Watch for updates on:
https://pandasan.jimdofree.com

T40, CUBA (Special Event). Members of the DX Group of Cuba will celebrating the 15th anniversary of a Mexican homologous organization and the founding of the DXXE Group. The DX Group of Cuba will activate the special event station T40DXXE between January 20-31st. Activity will be on CW, SSB and FT8 on various HF bands with the best propagation when the operators have free time as it allows. Whoever manages to contact the station on at least three bands, regardless of mode, will receive a special certificate in digital format. The DXXE Group encourages radio activity during international competitions, expeditions, island activations, as well as experimentation with new technologies applied to radio communications. On the other hand, it grants the "DXXE Diploma" to those who demonstrate having contacted at least three members of the group. The DXXE brings together renowned Mexican operators and others from the countries in the Americas, Europe and Asia. There will be other celebrations for this anniversary as well as other special event stations from South America, Mexico, Spain, Canary Islands and France being added throughout the year. For more details and QSL route, see QRZ.com.

T8, PALAU (Reminder/Update). JA operators Shimatake/JI3DNN (T88CZ), Kunio/JH3LSS (T88DK), Shozo/JA3HJI (T88DN), Jusei/JA3IVU (T88ED), Tatsuo/JA3ARJ (T88EF) and Masum/JA3AVO (T88MB) are now active from the VIP Guest Hotel (Free Radio Room) on Koror Island (OC-009) until January 23rd. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using various modes. QSL via their home callsigns.

T8 PALAU. Yoshiaki, JR3QFB, will once again be active as T88JH from Koror Island (OC-009) between March 27-31st September 17-28th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK, JT65 and FT8/FT4. He also plans to be in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 28-29th). QSL T88JH via JR3QFB, direct, by the Bureau (JA only), eQSL, LoTW or ClubLog.

TI9, COCOS ISLAND (Update). After 2 years planning, operators Jorge/TI2JV,

Dmitry/RA9USU, Mats/SM6LRR and Andrew/UA3AB will be active as TI9A from Chatham Bay, Isla del Coco [Cocos Island (NA-012)], between February 2-8th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and possibly FT8, with three stations on the air. They will have two camps, eight radios and 20 antennas. QSL via UA3DX, ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW. They now have a Web page at: http://ti9a.info

TU, CÔTE D'IVOIRE. Operators Petr/OK1BOA, Petr/OK1FCJ and David/OK6DJ will be active as TU5PCT from the Radio Club ADRASEC RCI in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast), between February 24-29th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. QSL via OK6DJ, ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW.

UA7, EUROPEAN RUSSIA. Operators Andrey/RW7K, Andy/UB7K, Oleg/R3FA and Andrei/RK7A will be active as UA7K from Kerch during the CQ 160m CW Contest (January 24-26th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via LoTW.

V4, ST. KITTS. John, W5JON, will once again be active as V47JA from his Calypso Bay, St. Kitts, West Indies vacation home, located 200 feet from the Caribbean Sea, between February 21st and March 5th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters (incl. 60m) using SSB and FT8. Equipment is a Yaesu FT1000MP, FT857D and an Elecraft KPA500 Amplifier. John states his antennas are a Mosley Mini32A 10/15/20m, 33' Vertical 10-40m, 35' Top Loaded 80m Vertical, 160m Vertical and 6m 5 element Yagi. ALL QSLs go to W5JON direct or via LoTW. NO Bureau QSLs.

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